

## 11th District picnic, parade again set for Labor Day

CLEVELAND - No one in Northeast Ohio likes to think about summer coming to an end, but one end-of-summer event is eagerly anticipated by greater Clevelanders each year: the 11th Congressional District Community Caucus Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival, again taking place on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Luke Easter Park in Cleveland's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood.

The event is sponsored by Cleveland Ward 2 Councilman Nate Wilkes.

This year, the Parade and Festival is partnering with the United States Census 2010 to get word out about the importance of participating in the census and the impact it has on the community. Its slogan, "Stand Up & Be Counted - It's In Our Hands," emphasizes how the census affects representation and funding for the district.

The 11th District Labor Day Parade and Festival is a celebration of a community and its history. Since the early '70s, the Labor Day Parade and Festival concludes the summer in style, as families, seniors, young people, politicians, performers and members of community organizations join together for a day of fun.

Started by Congressman Louis Stokes and carried on by his successors, U.S. Reps. Stephanie Tubbs Jones and now by Marcia L. Fudge, the festival features food, ven-

dors, line dancing, games and entertainment, representing about the best of what the district has to offer.

The parade steps off at 11 a.m. from East 146th Street and Kinsman, with Congresswoman Fudge serving as this year's grand marshal.

As the parade delegations descend on the park, the festival begins. Starting at noon, bands, singers, dancers and speakers will entertain the crowd as they feast on a variety of food and check out the offerings from local vendors. Also in attendance will be Dave Tolliver, lead singer and founder of Men at Large, discovered by the late great Gerald Levert, to debut his solo CD, "Blaq Pavarotti."

There will be special areas for both kids and seniors, with the Kids' Village offering face painting and crafts, and Senior Town giving older folks a place to sit, relax and enjoy the food and entertainment away from the jostling crowd.

Everyone in the diverse 11th Congressional District is invited to attend the festival. Black or White, young or old, whether you want to lounge under a tree or be first up for line dancing, come alone or bring the whole family, the 11th Congressional District Community Caucus Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival is the perfect way to spend the holiday.

For more information call (216) 906-8952 or e-mail [11paradefestival@gmail.com](mailto:11paradefestival@gmail.com).

## Siemens makes hearing easier

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Staff Reporter

Jim Cudo, a retired Cleveland police officer, is happy he can hear again, thanks to the Siemens Hearing Instruments Inc. He attributed constant exposure to noise, practicing at the shooting range with no hearing protection, as a major factor for his hearing loss.

For years, he couldn't pick up high pitched tones, a child's voice, yet could hear in a crowd. When he played with his 11-year-old granddaughter, he constantly re-quested she repeat things. But, he never wanted to believe his auditory senses were fading and, when he had a hearing test and was told he suffers partial hearing loss, he walked away.

"I didn't want to hear that," he said. "It was a very hard thing to accept."

Within the last five years, it became so difficult to hear that he would withdraw from conversations until he decided he no longer wanted to live with the fading sense. Cudo's been wearing the Siemens Life 700 hearing instrument since the beginning of the year.

"There is a definite difference. It's a beautiful thing. I don't have to say, 'huh,' he said. He has two devices. Say they are very easy to put it, lightweight and comfortable. Additionally, people don't know that he's wearing it and he doesn't have to turn up the volume anymore. "It's like a life line."

Now, he appreciates the technology behind the device. She said it's an open fit, because the ear instrument suitable for people with appropriate moderate hearing loss, includes a vast range of technical features including Bluetooth capability. It also advance speech and processes, allowing users to participate in conversation as if it were a normal conversation. "It's the most advanced technology," she said.

Burton also said the story is interesting because typical for a lot of people, said asking to repeat statements needed to increase volumes, an inability to follow conversations as some of the more common early signs of hearing loss. "Millions of people benefit but they never



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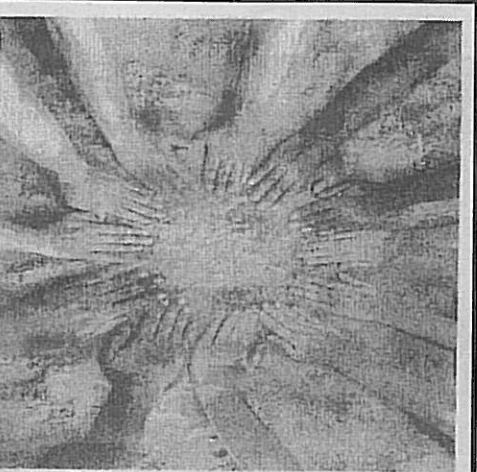
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The Harvard Community Services Center (HCSC) is a not-for-profit, tax exempt agency. The agency's Board of Trustees was organized in 1968, as a direct result of the community coming together to address issues and concerns related to the total community.



Poetry Ensemble street party: for Con-tinuing Education, Street party at Urban Spirit 3100 Chester Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Learn about Ohio's new Coffee Shop: The Jazz Poetry Ensemble will perform selections from the new piece, The Black President Suite, as well as other work from their repertoire. From 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., for more information call (614) 253-7778 (SPRT).

**Aug 22 - Benefit Gala for Multiple Sclerosis:** The Kym Sellers Foundation will be celebrating their 10th Annual Benefit Gala at the Cleveland Marriott East Hotel, 26300 Harvard Rd. Kym Whitley will serve as the Mistress of Ceremony.

**Aug 22 - Tribute to Marcus Garvey:** Department of African American & African Studies Community Extension Center on 905 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Doors open at 3 p.m. and program starts at 4 p.m. sharp. The program includes: African Drumming & Dancing, Step Team Performance, Poetry, Music, Community Forum, African Food. This day will be fun for the whole family as they honor the founder of the UNIA - A.C.L. For more info call (614) 292-3922, (614) 657-6586 or (614) 571-8709.

**Aug 28 - Education Town Hall Meeting:** Join State Representative Sandra Williams, along with members of the Cuyahoga County delegation and the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus for an Education Town Hall Meeting from 5 - 8 p.m. at Cleveland

for Con-tinuing Education, 3100 Chester Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Learn about Ohio's new evidence-based education plan with special guests Dr. John Stanford, Governor's Executive Assistant for Education policy, Deborah Delisle, Department of Education Superintendent, and a representative from the Ohio School Facilities Commission.

**Aug 29 Ward 1 Community Festival:** Join Councilman Terrell H. Pruitt along with the Ward 1 residents and friends for the annual Ward 1 Family Festival at Kerruish Park. The festival will include a parade and will have Mayor Frank G. Jackson as the Grand Marshall, Ms. Ann Lurk City of Cleveland's oldest working employee as she receives the Senior Citizen of the Year. For more information call (216) 518-9016.

**Aug 29 "Before I Forget":** Join East View United Church of Christ for their next book discussion. The event will take place at the church which is located at 15615 Chagrin Blvd. from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The discussion is hosted by the Women's Guild of East View Church. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call East View Church at 216-921-7673.

**Sept 5 - Homeless Walk:** Join the Transitional Housing for it's Inaugural walk to end homelessness at a time at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo starting at 9 p.m. Call (216)

781-2250 ext 24 for more information.

**Sept 9 - Cleveland Rape Crisis 35th Anniversary Luncheon:** This luncheon will feature Linor Abarzil as the keynote speaker at Windows on the River from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sept 10 - Labyrinth Walks:** join the Gathering Place Walking the labyrinth is an easy way to bring quiet and stillness in the midst of the cancer journey. Drop in for a self-guided reflective walk. The event time is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (216) 595-9546.

**Sept 11 - Reel to Reel:** Join The Gathering Place for a discussion on how films add to a person's understanding of the cancer journey. "The Doctor" will be shown as part of this session. Advanced registration required. The time of the event will be from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call (216)

595-9546.

**Sept 14 - 15 Roads to Recovery 09:** Join the Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County at the Crowne Plaza City Centre Hotel in downtown Cleveland. For more information call (216) 241-3400 ext 365.

**Sept 14 - Cleveland Browns Taste of the NFL Celebrity Dinner:** Join the Cleveland Browns as they help the Cleveland Food Bank tackle hunger. Meet and mingle with the Cleveland Browns alumni and current players. Dine on samplings from over 20 of Cleveland's best restaurants. This will take place at the Cleveland Browns Stadium from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. For more information call (216) 738-2126.

**Sept 15 - Nutrition Class:** The Gathering Place will have this basic nutrition class that offers the foundation to building a healthy diet for cancer recovery. The time for the event will be from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. For more information call (216) 595-9546.

**Sept 16 - The Profit Factor:** Join the Black Pages from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Cleveland State Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave. For more information call 1 800-900-7735.

**Sept 17 - Prostate Partners Quarterly Meeting:** Prostate Partners offers information and support for men facing prostate cancer. During this session, attendees will learn how to inte-